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## Peru

**Post:** Lima

### **Release of Containers with Meat products and Casings**

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**Report Highlights:**

FAS Lima helped two American companies import beef products (offal) and casings into Peru and Bolivia respectively.

**General Information:**

During the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> FAS Lima helped two American companies import beef products (offal) and casings into Peru and Bolivia respectively. Cypress Food Distributor INC exported 80,000 lbs of beef to a local importer. The shipment, valued in more than \$60,000, was retained at Peru's Port of Callao by the local sanitary authority, SENASA. SENASA's justification for the detention was that the sanitary certificate was dated 2010 and requested that FSIS confirm the validity of the certificates. FAS Lima drafted a letter clarifying that FSIS does not have a time limit on the validity of the certificate (FSIS 9060-5) once issued. The shipment was soon released.

FAS Lima also received a communication from International Casings Group INC. (ICG) that a shipment valued at \$120,000 was exported to Bolivia and stopped at the Port of Arica. The Bolivian sanitary authority (SENASAG) was requesting the renewal of ICG's export permit to Bolivia which entails an official letter stating that ICG is in compliance with U.S. sanitary regulations. FAS Lima engaged with FSIS to obtain an updated list of establishments that are permitted to produce and export abroad. FAS Lima provided the list to SENASAG.